



# WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

## Services and Music May 2025

*In the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness.*

These words from the eucharistic prayer used in Eastertide sum up the Church's glorious hymns of praise: resounding joy and gladness. For the fifty days of Easter we bathe in the glory of Christ's resurrection and learn to experience his living presence in a new way. In song and word, music and text, this Cathedral resounds with gladness and, in so doing, joins not only with churches across the world, but blends with the endless voice of all creation; the universe dances with the power of Christ risen, ascended, glorified. In this place, in this time, we are lifted into eternity and heaven as we join in the triumphant song, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Stephen Edwards

Dean:  
Director of Music:

Stephen Edwards  
Samuel Hudson

All choral services are sung by the cathedral choir unless otherwise stated.

# April 2025

## In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April

# The Second Sunday of Easter

**7.30 am Morning Prayer**

Psalm 136.1-16

**8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) (with livestream)**

**10.30 am Sung Eucharist** (*sung by the Oakville Singers*)

# Messe Solennelle *Louis Vierne*

## Psalm 150

I give to you a new commandment *Peter Nardone*

**2.15 pm Scouts' St George's Day Service**

4.00 pm **Evensong** (*sung by the Oakville Singers*)

Responses: *Dibble*

If ye love me, keep my commandments *Thomas Tallis*

## Evening Service in G Ivor Atkins

## Psalm 16

They that go down to the sea in ships *Herbert Sumsion*

Hymns 101ii, 400 (t.311)

## Monday 28<sup>th</sup>

## George, Martyr, Patron of England, c. 304

**7.30 am Morning Prayer**

Psalms 5, 146

**8.00 am Holy Communion** *(with livestream)*

5.30 pm **Evensong**

Responses: *Hunt*

## Evening Service in D *Ernest Moeran*

## Psalms 3, 11

My soul, there is a country C. *Hubert H. Parry*

Hymn 162

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>**

## Mark the Evangelist

7.30 am **Morning Prayer**

Psalm 37.23-end, 148

**8.00 am Holy Communion** *(with livestream)*

5.30 pm **Evening Prayer**

## Psalm 45

# April/May 2025

## Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalms 119.1-32
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (with livestream)	
1.00 pm	<b>Holy Communion</b>	
5.30 pm	<b>Evensong</b> (Upper voices)	Responses: Nardone
	Evening Service in E flat Edward Bairstow	Psalms 11, 12, 13
	I will worship George Dyson	

VERSE: DECANI

## Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May Philip and James, Apostles

*Day of music endowed by Les and Carol West.*

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalms 139, 146
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (with livestream)	
12.15 pm	<b>Lunchtime Recital</b>	James Topp (French horn)
5.30 pm	<b>Evensong</b>	Responses: Rose
	Fauxbourdon Service Healey Willan	Psalms 149
	Jesu, the very thought of thee Edward Bairstow	Hymn 164

## Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 373

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalms 17, 19
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (with livestream)	
11.30 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (BCP)	
5.30 pm	<b>Evensong attended by King's Scholars</b>	Responses: Hunt
	Evening Service in E Sydney Watson	Psalms 22
	Rise up, my love Healey Willan	Hymn 103

## Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalms 20, 21, 23
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (with livestream)	
5.30 pm	<b>Evensong</b>	Responses: Hunt
	The Second Service William Byrd	Psalms 24, 25
	Dum transisset sabbatum John Taverner	
		Hymns 100ii (omit vv 5, 6), 111
7.30 pm	<b>Concert</b>	The Band of the Mercian Regiment
	VE Day Commemoration Concert	The Oakville Singers

# May 2025

In Residence: The Dean

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>

## The Third Sunday of Easter

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 80.1-8
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (*with livestream*)
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**  
Missa Sanctae Margaretae *Gabriel Jackson* Psalm 30  
O sons and daughters *Henry Walford Davies*
- 3.00 pm **Worship in the Garden**  
*entering the garden through the 'deliveries' doorway outside the Edgar Tower gate.*
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** Responses: Rose  
Evening Service in B minor *Herbert Howells* Psalm 86  
Sing ye to the Lord *Edward Bairstow* Hymns 106 (t.219), 114
- 6.30 pm **Evening Worship** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)  
Sing, choirs of heaven *Richard Shephard*  
Lord of the Dance *Sydney Carter arr. John Barnard*
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## Monday 5<sup>th</sup>

*Day of music endowed in memory of Roger Brooks.*

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 27, 30
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalms 26, 28, 29

## Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 32, 36
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 33

# May 2025

## Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalm 34
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>(with livestream)</i>	
1.00 pm	<b>Holy Communion</b>	
5.30 pm	<b>Evensong with Installation of Honorary Canons</b> <i>(Upper voices)</i>	
	Evening Service in F <i>Sydney Watson</i>	Responses: <i>Nardone</i>
	O rest in the Lord <i>Felix Mendelssohn</i>	Psalm 119.33-56
		Hymns 124, 439

VERSE: CANTORIS

## Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>      **Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, c. 1417**

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalm 37
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	<b>Evensong</b>	Responses: <i>Clucas</i>
	Evening Service in A <i>William Harris</i>	Psalms 39, 40
	Since by man came death <i>George Frideric Handel</i>	

## Friday 9<sup>th</sup>

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalm 31
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>(with livestream)</i>	
11.30 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (BCP)	
5.30 pm	<b>Evensong</b>	Responses: <i>Sanders</i>
	Fauxbourdon Service <i>David Cooper</i>	Psalm 35
	Set me as a seal upon thine heart <i>William Walton</i>	
7.30 pm	<b>Concert</b>	Concerts by Candlelight
	The Music of Fleetwood Mac by Candlelight	

## Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalms 41, 42, 43
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	<b>Evensong</b>	Responses: <i>Clucas</i>
	Evening Service in D <i>Herbert Sumsion</i>	Psalms 45, 46
	Ave Maria <i>Anton Bruckner</i>	Hymns 339, 120
7.30 pm	<b>Concert</b>	Concerts by Candlelight
	The Music of ABBA by Candlelight	

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## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>

## The Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 146
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (*with livestream*)
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**  
Collegium Regale *Herbert Howells* Psalm 23  
Alleluia. I heard a voice *Thomas Weelkes*
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Sanders*  
The Alfrick Service *Peter Nardone* Psalms 113, 114  
Let the people praise thee, O God *William Mathias* Hymns 351, 103
- 6.30 pm **Evening Worship** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)  
Truly the Lord is in this place *Peter Hurford*  
As the bridegroom to his chosen *John Rutter*
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## Monday 12<sup>th</sup>

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 44
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Clucas*  
Evening Service in F minor *Derek Holman* Psalms 47, 49  
Verleih uns Frieden *Felix Mendelssohn*

## Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>

*Day of music endowed by Joan Harris.*

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 48, 52
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 50
- 7.00 pm **Service of Celebration of the Life of Smaller Churches**

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## Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>

## Matthias the Apostle

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalms 16, 147.1-12
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>(with livestream)</i>	
1.00 pm	<b>Holy Communion</b>	
5.30 pm	<b>Evensong</b> <i>(Upper voices)</i>	Responses: Plainsong
	Evening Service in D <i>Charles Villiers Stanford</i>	Psalm 80
	Give us the wings of faith <i>Mark Blatchly</i>	Hymn 165 (t. 318)

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## Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalms 56, 57, 63
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>(with livestream)</i>	
12.15 pm	<b>Lunchtime Recital</b>	Simon Taranczuk (organ)
5.30 pm	<b>Evensong</b>	Responses: <i>Maxim</i>
	Fauxbourdon Service <i>Percy Whitlock</i>	Psalms 61, 62, 64
	Laudate nomen Domini <i>Christopher Tye</i>	

## Friday 16<sup>th</sup>

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalms 51, 54
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>(with livestream)</i>	
11.30 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (BCP)	
5.30 pm	<b>Evensong</b>	Responses: <i>Sanders</i>
	The Short Service <i>Nathaniel Patrick</i>	Psalm 38
	My beloved spake <i>Patrick Hadley</i>	

## Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalm 68
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	<b>Evensong</b> <i>(sung by the Youth Choir)</i>	Responses: <i>Bramma</i>
	The Washington Service <i>David Hogan</i>	Psalms 65, 66
	O sing to the Lord a new song <i>Peter Nardone</i>	
		Hymns 102, 104 (omit v. 2)

# May 2025

In Residence: The Dean

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>

## The Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 16
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (BCP) (*with livestream*)
- 10.30 am **Sung Eucharist**  
Messe Brève in C *Charles Gounod* Psalm 148.1-6  
Ubi caritas et amor *Grayston Ives*
- 4.00 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Sumsion*  
Evening Service in F *Harold Darke* Psalm 98  
Blessed be the God and Father *Samuel Sebastian Wesley*  
Hymns 113, 117
- 6.30 pm **Evening Worship** (*sung by the Voluntary Choir*)  
Make me a light *Philip Wilby*  
The Lord is my shepherd *Howard Goodall*
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## Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

## Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of Monastic Life, 988

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalms 1, 15
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 11.00 am **Eucharist for Retired Clergy**
- 5.30 pm **Evensong** Responses: *Sumsion*  
Evening Service in G *Herbert Sumsion* Psalm 16  
I love all beauteous things *Judith Weir* Hymn 199

## Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

## Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot, 804

*Day of music endowed in gratitude for the musicians of the Three Choirs Festival.*

- 7.30 am **Morning Prayer** Psalm 73
- 8.00 am **Holy Communion** (*with livestream*)
- 5.30 pm **Evening Prayer** Psalm 74



# May 2025

## Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

*Day of music endowed by Richard Spalding.*

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalm 77
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (with livestream)	
1.00 pm	<b>Holy Communion</b>	
5.30 pm	<b>Evensong</b> (Upper voices)	Responses: Plainsong
	Evening Service Geoffrey Burgon	Psalm 119.81-104
	All things bright and beautiful John Rutter	

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## Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalm 78.1-39
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (with livestream)	
12.15 pm	<b>Lunchtime Recital</b>	Jack McCabe (organ)
5.30 pm	<b>Evensong</b>	Responses: Maxim
	Evening Service in G Edward Bairstow	Psalm 78.41-end
	Ecce sacerdos magnus Edward Elgar	

## Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalm 55
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (with livestream)	
11.30 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (BCP)	
5.30 pm	<b>Evensong</b> (sung by lower voices)	Responses: Rose
	Secundi et quinti toni Orlando Lassus	Psalm 69
	Hear the voice and prayer Thomas Tallis	
7.30 pm	<b>Concert</b>	London Concertante
	The Music of James Bond by Candlelight	

## Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>

### John and Charles Wesley, Evangelists, Hymn Writers, 1791 and 1788

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalms 76, 79
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (with livestream)	
1.00 pm	<b>Wedding of Harry Lonsdale and Elisabeth Read</b>	
5.30 pm	<b>Evensong</b> (sung by Laudes)	Responses: Smith
	Collegium Magdalenae Oxoniense Kenneth Leighton	Psalms 81, 84
	Make a joyful noise unto the Lord William Mathias	Hymns 119, 482

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In Residence: The Revd Canon Kimberly Bohan

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>

## The Sixth Sunday of Easter

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalm 40.1-9
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (BCP) <i>(with livestream)</i>	
10.30 am	<b>Sung Eucharist</b> <i>(sung by Laudes)</i>	
	Missa Sancti Nicolai Josef Haydn	Psalm 67
	Verily, verily I say unto you Thomas Tallis	
4.00 pm	<b>Evensong</b> <i>(sung by Laudes)</i>	Responses: Smith
	Evening Service in D Herbert Brewer	Psalms 126, 127
	All wisdom cometh from the Lord Philip Moore	Hymns 118, 296i

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## Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, 605

### Rogation Day

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalms 80, 82
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	Psalms 85, 86

## Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>

### Rogation Day

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalms 87, 89.1-18
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	<b>Evensong</b> <i>(sung by the choir of Bradford Cathedral)</i>	
	Evening Service in C Bryan Kelly	Responses: Rose
	Ave Maria Dawn Walters	Psalm 89.20-end

# May 2025

## Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

## Rogation Day

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalms 119.105-128
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>(with livestream)</i>	
1.00 pm	<b>Holy Communion</b>	
5.30 pm	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	Psalms 15, 24
7.15pm	<b>Concert</b>	ESO Youth Ensembles
	Elgar for Everyone	Musicians of the English Symphony Orchestra
		Zeb Soanes (host/narrator)

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## Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>

## Ascension Day

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalms 110, 150
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.00 pm	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	Psalms 8
5.30 pm	<b>Eucharist with Hymns</b> <i>(with incense)</i>	Psalms 93

## Friday 30<sup>th</sup>

## Josephine Butler, Social Reformer, 1906

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalms 88, 95
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>(with livestream)</i>	
11.30 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (BCP)	
5.30 pm	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	Psalms 102

## Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>

## The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

7.30 am	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Psalms 85, 150
8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion</b> <i>(with livestream)</i>	
5.30 pm	<b>Elgar Festival Evensong</b> <i>(sung by the Chamber Choir)</i>	
	The Short Service Orlando Gibbons	Responses: Tomkins
	Light out of darkness Edward Elgar	Psalms 122, 127, 128
		Hymns 128, 385
7.30 pm	<b>Elgar Festival Gala Concert</b>	Elgar Festival Chorus
	These things shall be John Ireland	English Symphony Orchestra
	Out of the shadows Ian Venables	
	Symphony no. 2 Edward Elgar	

# June 2025

In Residence: TBC

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June      The Sunday after Ascension Day

*Day of music endowed by Ivor and Hazel Pond.*

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|----------|---|--------------------------|
| 7.30 am  | <b>Morning Prayer</b>   | Psalm 99                 |
| 8.00 am  | <b>Holy Communion</b> (BCP) <i>(with livestream)</i>  |                          |
| 10.30 am | <b>Sung Eucharist</b> <i>(sung by the Chamber Choir)</i>  |                          |
|          | Communion Service in B flat <i>Charles Villiers Stanford</i>  | Psalm 97                 |
|          | <i>Ave verum corpus Edward Elgar</i>  |                          |
| 3.00 pm  | <b>Worship in the Garden</b>  |                          |
|          | <i>entering the garden through the 'deliveries' doorway outside the Edgar Tower gate.</i>                 |                          |
| 4.00 pm  | <b>Elgar Festival Evensong with Wreath-Laying by the Elgar Society</b> <i>(sung by the Chamber Choir)</i> | Responses: Venables      |
|          | Evening Canticles <i>Ian Venables</i>   | Psalm 68                 |
|          | <i>Give unto the Lord Edward Elgar</i>  |                          |
|          | <i>They are at rest Edward Elgar</i>  | Hymns 388i, 484 (t. 167) |
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